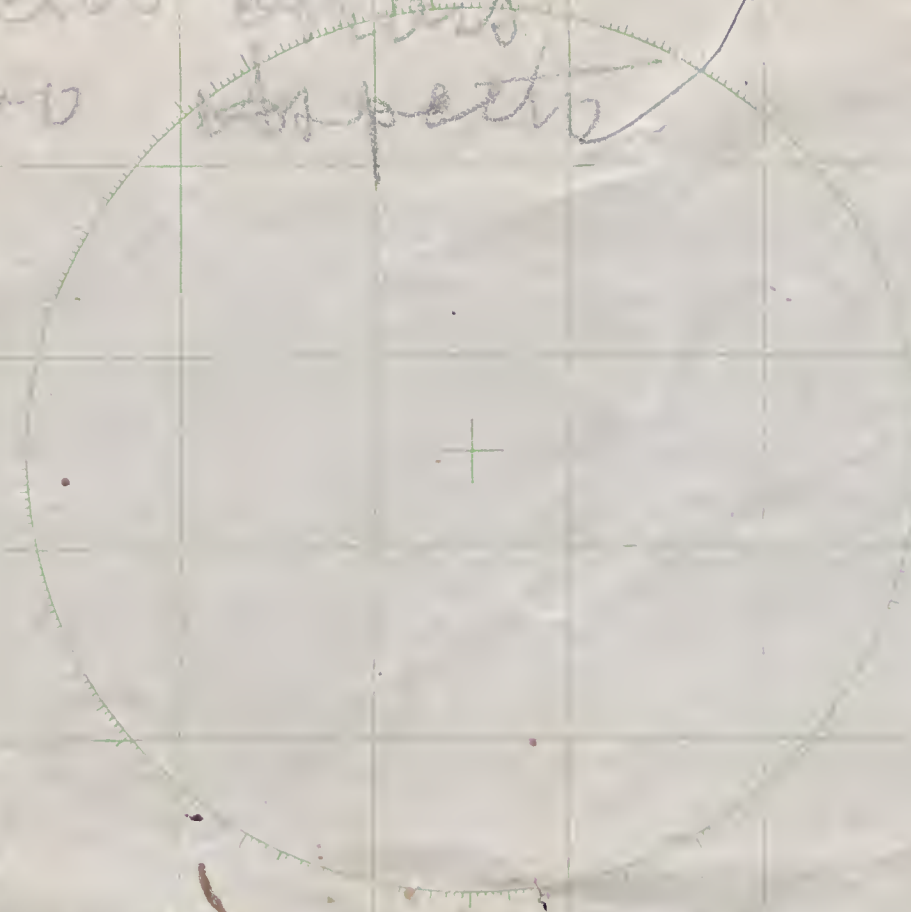


Go to the Park

Simeón Albana
Julian Cueller
Apollonia Cerquelles
Seocond Respecto
Gonzalo Flores
Sidro Bullcino
Crespin Olce

Salvadoro Aguila
Manoel Amador
Pablimo Aparicio
Amello Amador
Isaac Respecto



Geographical & Biological Expedition

Mount - Halcón

November - 1906

Ordered by Major General Leonard Wood, Commanding The
Philippines Division

Personnel

Dr. E. H. Mearns, U.S.A. (In charge)

Dr. E. D. Merrill, Botanist, Philippine Bureau of Science

W. I. Hutchinson, Forester " " Forestry

W. Wallace, Private, Hospital Corps, U.S.A.

A. Fontaine, Co. B, 82nd Inf. Regt. (Topographer)

Sergeant Fernando Tumalavan and 5 privates
282 Co. Philippine Scouts from Calapan.

Mr. Winceline Estrada - Dr. Mearns Bird Shooter

Moro Abdarri from Zamboanga

3 Carabaoes from Antipato, Luzon
15 " " Subaan Mindoro

Itinerary

Left Manila 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30th 1906 on U.S.F.T. "Mindanao".

Partly accompanied to Calapan by Mr. Horace C. Fletcher, Overland
Calapan daylight Oct. 31st - Left Calapan in two native boats -

Nov. 1st arriving at Subaan, 9 miles NW on the coast, at 3 p.m.
Left Subaan 9 a.m. Nov. 2nd marched 5 miles SW to Binabay
River, camping on the morning claim of P.T. Bergen and R.E. Burren.

Left Bergen Camp 7 a.m. Nov. 3rd marched SW 1 mile to Mangyan
clearing on top of hill, named Buena Vista, elevation 1200 ft.
Proceeded down S. bank to river, named the Egbert - distance 1 mile
thence 300 yds. down stream to Alog River. Crossed Alog at this
point and followed up stream along east bank 2 miles to point
where 11 a river forks. Proceeded up east fork called the Alog (first
fork named the Lawton) 1 mile. Camped at 4 p.m. (Camp No 2).

Nov. 4th Left camp 8 a.m. marched up the Alog 1 1/2 miles to small
falls. thence up small stream entering main river from the west -
300 yds, thence S. on south side of stream 3/4 mile to
Mangyan clearing at 2300 ft. elevation. Camp No 3 at this point.
1/4 m down west slope to the SW from

Itinerary

Left Subaan Nov. 2 - marched to Benibi River Camp 1.
 " Benibi " 5 Arrived Alag River Camp 2.
 " Camp 2 Alag River Nov. 8 " { Mangyan Hill " 3
 " " 3 Mangyan 2250ft " 12 " { Mangyan Village " 4
 " " 4 Mangyan Village 3300ft. Nov. 13 " { Ridge of Main Halcou " 5
 " " 5 { 4500 feet
 " " Ridge of main Halcou " 17 " Posey Flats " 6

Mt. Halcou from 2250 to 4500 feet Nov. 12-17 and 25 to 28 = Camps 3-5
 Camp No. 5 at 4500 feet. Nov. 14-17 and 25 = Camp 5
 " " 6 " 6300 " " 17-21 and 23-26 = " 6.
 (8000 to 9000 feet)
 Summit of Halcou Range " 21-23. " 7
 Camp No. 3 to the coast

Mount Halcón

A native, named San Augustine, Secretary to the Gov., at Calapan, can furnish the best information & influence.

Shape a big ridge, much chopped up.

Lumbered to the top; but timber at top is just short brush.

Capt. Ahern has been up the Baco River, which is probably the most direct approach to Mt. Halcón.

At Calapan resides Mr. Kobbe, forestry bureau expert.

Byron O. Young, Diamond Lumber Co., Calapan, Mindoro, ^(lives up the barrio of Subaan.) knows of no white man's having been on top of Halcón.

Munyanes are the native inhabitants. They have rice patches more than half the way up. Can ascend Baco R. 12 miles to base of Mt. Halcón.

Governor Offley, Capt, U.S.A.

Get some constabulary from Calapan, who can talk the Munyan natives.

There are both constabulary and scout soldiers at Calapan.

The best season to visit Mindoro is April or May would be the driest, preferably April
(over)

Two Americans (one named Brown) spent several months prospecting in the upper Abaco River at base of Halcón.

A native of Baco, Mindoro, a chemist, knows a great deal about that country. A civil or mining engineer.

"San Antonio", civil Govt launch brings Govt officers to Manila about once a month.